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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

August 14, 2006

St. Mary's 113 B; 10:00 AM

Present: D. Biers (presiding), D. Courte, P. Johnson, J. O'Gorman, R. Penno, R. Wells

Roll Call: Six of the twelve members of the Committee were present.

Prayer: D. Biers opened the meeting with a prayer for peace and justice.

Approval of Minutes:

November 29, 2005	approved
December 6, 2005	approved
December 13, 2005	approved with corrections
April 28, 2006	approved with corrections
July 11, 2006	approved

Announcements:

The consultant for the EM position has requested a meeting with members of ECAS on Wednesday, August 30 at 1:30 Pm for one hour. Members are asked to try to clear their schedules for that meeting.

Old Business:

Senate membership: Daren Parker has agreed to serve the remainder of the term for S. Singer. Barbara John has been contacted, but has not responded. The graduate student has not yet been appointed

Committee memberships: D. Biers is working to complete the appointments for the committee on General Education and Competencies and the Calendar Committee. He will consult with SBA on the appointment for a CGEC member. Elizabeth Gustafson has been proposed. Students also need to be confirmed. The Calendar Committee is an ad hoc committee of the Academic Senate. Terms of membership need to be defined and representation of units also needs to be articulated. D. Biers will work on this.

Constitutional changes: F. Pestello has agreed to give the Senate time at the first fall faculty meeting to represent the proposed changes to the Constitution of the Academic Senate. Dave Biers will do the presentation. P. Johnson will prepare the materials for this. Voting will take place between Sept. 18 and 25, with voting finalizing at 4:30 on Sept. 25. Faculty will be reminded on Sept. 20 and Senators will be encouraged to write their constituencies if turn-out is low.

New Business:

Senate Committees: D. Biers will remind the chairpersons of the Senate Committees to submit end of the term reports for WI 06. P. Johnson will assign the new students to the committees and e-mail them about these assignments.

NCA Report: D. Biers distributed the report on the relationship of the Academic Senate and the Faculty board that is needed for the North Central Writing Committee. Rebecca Wells is coordinating this for the Academic Senate. This will be a priority item at the next ECAS meeting.

Action items: D. Biers distributed a list of items that are before the Academic Senate. These need to be prioritized and placed on the list for Senate action. This will be the primary item for the agenda of the next ECAS meeting. There are a number of Provost Council ad hoc committee reports that need action. In addition, the Academic Senate is expecting that the Provost will forward the “Habits of Inquiry” report from the College of Arts and Sciences ad hoc committee for consideration. The list of action items is lengthy and ECAS will need to set priorities.

The meeting on Monday, August 21, will begin at 10:30 because of Academic Convocation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary